

POSTOFFICE SCANDALS

More Charges Forthcoming With Each Day.

TALK OF PROMOTION RING

Pay of Machine Operators Reduced to Increase Salaries of Superintendent—Charges of Favoritism and Incompetency.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 17.—The indications are that organized labor will become a party to the investigation of affairs of the Postoffice Department. A special committee of the Central Labor Union, of this city, which has been seriously considering the matter has formulated charges of favoritism and incompetency against certain of the officials of the mail equipment division of the Postoffice Department.
The charges, which probably will be filed to-morrow with the Postmaster-General, allege that mail bags that do not conform to the specifications have been accepted, that a worthy and needy white woman is discriminated against in favor of a negro woman, employee; that when the machine operators were reduced from \$2 per diem to \$1.75 per diem, the salaries of the superintendent and some of the other officials were raised from \$150 to \$200 per annum and that recommendations for promotion are not based on merit.
Reports that "a promotion ring" existed in control of the Postoffice at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) postoffice similar to that which is now being investigated in the New York city postoffice were brought to the attention of the Postoffice Department. It was stated at the Department, however, that at yet there was no evidence of such a ring in its possession.
Postmaster-General Payne said to-day that he was not contemplating the suspension of any official pending the close of the investigation. He added that if the Postoffice Department is found to be guilty, he will recommend suspension, the recommendation would be considered very carefully.
The Postmaster-General said he thought the duty of newspapers that acquire evidence of improper actions of persons in the service to furnish it to the Department and aid in the investigation now in progress.

BON AIR LIBRARY

Entertainment Given for This Fund Was Quite a Success.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BON AIR, VA., April 17.—The Bon Air Library will soon have its grandiose door completed. Then in a short while it will be thrown open for occupancy. The Easter egg hunt which was to have been given for the benefit of the library fund last Monday was postponed till Friday, and was largely attended by the young people. Quite a nice sum was realized for the library fund.
The public school of Bon Air, Miss Ida Pace, teacher, held its finals on Thursday.
The building is one of the best in the country districts of the county, and is quite well equipped for occupancy. The work of the school, and Miss Pace has given universal satisfaction.
Mrs. H. W. Webb Peopie has returned home for the summer, and is leaving her home thoroughly refitted for the entertainment of her boarders for the summer. She is already closing some contracts of importance.
The Easter entertainment that was to have been given at Old Providence Methodist Church had to be postponed to Friday night on account of the inclement weather.
Next Sunday afternoon the choir of Bethlehem and Bethel churches will meet with the choir of Mt. Pisgah Church at Middleton to arrange and practice the music to be sung at the next meeting of the Union Sunday-school Association, to be held at the latter church, fifth Sunday in May. Good speeches and good singing will be the features of the meeting.
There has been some sickness around during this inclement weather. The family every member was sick with grip.
One time, the servant included, so that they were unable to help each other or send out for assistance.
Captain H. Longest seems to recover his strength from his recent indisposition to labor slowly, but hopes to be out again soon.

DANVILLE IS DRY

But Only in Name Thus Far, for Many Laid in a Generous Supply.

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DANVILLE, VA., April 18.—The past week has been the first in the history of the city that there have been no licensed saloons, and there has really been little or no liquor sold here during the week. It is due to the fact that so much was bought by individuals and taken to the different homes. The town is nominally dry, but it is so in name only, as there is more liquor in the individual homes and stored away in cellars and offices than ever was in the history of the town. At one or two points just outside the city limits there are saloons, and these have been doing a lone affair business among those who did not have the money to lay in an adequate supply before the saloons closed, or who had exhausted their supply.
There has been some complaint of lawlessness and drinking on the outskirts, but in the lower part of the city, which usually presented a very animated scene after dark, it has been as quiet as a Sunday afternoon. The police say they see no appreciable decrease in the amount of drunkenness thus far, but this can be accounted for on account of there being so much whiskey in the individual homes. The bar men are taking the matter quite philosophically, and while some of them still have considerable stock on hand, they do not complain. Just how local option will operate from a business standpoint, of course, cannot be told at this time, but some of the most prominent business men of the city are rather blue over the probable consequences following the adoption of prohibition.

Treating His Eyes

Frank L. Johnson, son of Mr. I. V. Johnson, of Roanoke, has returned to the city under the treatment of Dr. Joseph A. White for an affected eye.

Cereal Foods

Without cream is not appetizing, but most raw cream is not always easy to digest. It is superior to raw cream, with a delicious flavor and richness. Use it for special cooking purposes. Borden's Condensed Milk Co., proprietors.—adv.

ASK FOR GREEN TICKET.

This Ticket is Given with Every Pair at \$1.00 and Over.

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CRUISER TO BE LAUNCHED

(Continued From First Page.)

ceeded to Old Point. To-morrow morning at 9 o'clock he will witness a review of the troops at Fort Monroe, which was ordered by Colonel Story, the commandant, in honor of West Virginia's Governor and his staff. Governor Montague, Virginia's Executive, will arrive to-morrow morning on a special train from Richmond, accompanied by his military staff and a large party of prominent Virginians. Several excursion trains arrived from West Virginia, the first bringing the large party of State legislators, most of whom were accompanied by ladies.
The christening party will arrive from the ship-yard offices, escorted by President C. B. Oroutt and General Superintendent W. A. Post, of the shipbuilding company. In the party will be Governor White, Mrs. White, Miss White, Misses Grace and Ethel White, her twin sisters, and Miss Mabel Woodward, of New York, the last three being the sponsor's maids of honor, besides Governor Montague and Mrs. Montague.
The wedding that raises the sliding ways will be driven home, and two workmen will operate the huge saw that cuts the sole-plates, the last restraining timbers that hold the vessel in place. These will part with a snap, and the hull will begin to move. Miss White will dash the bottle of champagne in her hand against the keel of the ship, exclaiming: "I christen thee West Virginia! God bless you."
Gathering momentum, the ship will speed down the grained ways the ship will strike the water at a gallop of about ten or twelve knots an hour, floating out on the James



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River without careening to right or left. The cruiser will soon be tied up to the pier where she will receive her ensigns and will be launched in the morning. Several boilers installed, something unusual in warship construction. Before proceeding to Old Point for the banquet, the guests of the shipbuilders will be given an opportunity to inspect the numerous departments of the plant.

GOING FROM RICHMOND

The Governor and Staff, Military and Members of Legislature.

All eyes are directed towards Newport News to-day, where at noon the majestic West Virginia, the United States' largest fast train will leave for some time. It will be launched at high noon. A thousand or fifteen hundred Richmonders, Governor Montague and staff, and two-thirds of the General Assembly will accompany the train. The Blues' Band and two or three companies of the Seventeenth Regiment will journey to the shipyard. They will part before the big civic and military parade which has been arranged.
District Passenger Agent Warthen, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, said yesterday afternoon that the special would probably be run in two sections to accommodate the tremendous crowd that it is expected will take advantage of the cheap rate to the launching. The regular morning fast train will leave as usual at 9 o'clock, and many of the excursionists will take this means of conveyance to reach Newport News.
The Executive special, on which will be Governor Montague, his staff, members of the General Assembly and the military, will be the first section of the excursion train to follow the regular fast train. And if it is believed that the train will be together throughout the day, the train will be made up at once and leave the Union Station not later than 10 o'clock. The run to Newport News will be made in one and one-half hours, putting the last of the Richmond contingent in the city in time to enable them to see the military and civic parade, in which will be seen many companies of the State militia, the soldiers from Fortress Monroe, the sailors from the German battleship which is now stationed at Newport News.
The West Virginia will be christened by Mrs. White, daughter of the Governor. The State after which the new cruiser is named. Governor Montague will meet Governor White, his daughter and staff before the launching, and the party will be together throughout the day. The ceremonies attendant upon the launching will begin promptly at noon, when the parade will march through the principal streets of Newport News, bring-

ing up at the shipyard. The vessel is scheduled to plunge into the water at 12:30, after which the invited guests, including the two Governors, will board a special vessel and be taken to Old Point, where a banquet will be served.
The Chesapeake and Ohio has made arrangements for the excursion party to undertake the return trip from Old Point at 6:30 o'clock, and the trains will depart from Newport News at 6 o'clock. District Passenger Agent Warthen will probably go down with the Executive special to see that the excursionists have an enjoyable time and pleasant trip.

VESPER SERVICE

A Pretty Celebration at St. Joseph's Church To-morrow Night.

There will be a pretty celebration at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on North First Street to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. It will be Millard's Concerted Vesper Service and the music will be of an exceedingly high order.
This is the first time this celebration has been given in this city and Father Charles Hienkian, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, invites the public in general to attend. The music has been placed in very competent hands and the exercises are expected to prove a rare treat to those who attend. The singers will be Mrs. Murphy, Miss Kavanaugh, Mr. Columbus Canepa, Mr. Keenan and Miss Nina Randolph will preside at the organ.

THICK SKULL HIS GUARDIAN ANGEL

Seven Feet of Telephone Pole Falls on Colored Man—Injuries Probably Fatal.

That Charles Bowles, colored, is still alive at the hour of writing this is due entirely to the thickness of his skull.
Even this may not have been sufficient to save his life, for he is at the City Hospital, unconscious, with the slightest chance of recovery.
Bowles was struck on the head by the broken end of a telephone pole yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock while he was on Ninth Street near St. Paul's Church. He, with other employees of the Bell Company, were engaged in removing and old pole and putting a new one in its place.
In the strain of pulling it from the hole six or seven feet of the top broke off, and the coming down with a crash struck Bowles on the head. The skull was fractured and the remarkable part of it is that it was not crushed. He was laid out on a pavement and the ambulance called. A great crowd had gathered when Dr. Sandage, in charge of the vehicle, arrived. In the accident, whether the man struck him as he fell or the broken pole brushed past him will never be known, probably.

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